

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 31, 2003, claims 1-26 are noted as pending, although claim 24 has been previously cancelled. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Chang et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,197,580 (hereinafter "Chang"). Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Chang does not disclose a "cache to store disposable information that may be overwritten without ever having delivered the disposable information to a system memory if the disposable information has been read at least once." Chang discloses that the cache stores a subset of data stored in main memory (see column 2, line 65 through column 3, line 3). Chang does not disclose information stored in the cache that is not also stored in main memory. This is contrary to claim 1 where "disposable" information can be overwritten without ever having delivered the information to system memory if the information has been read at least once. Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated by Chang.

The comments above in connection with claim 1 are also applicable to independent claims 11 and 23. For these reasons, claims 1-23 and 25-26 are not anticipated by Chang.

CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-23 and 25-26 are distinguished over the cited art and are in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1-23 and 25-26 is respectfully requested.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AUTHORIZATION

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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